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Sir:

The following United States Patent and British Patent are discussed in the specification of the above-referenced patent application:

U.S. Patent 5,382.785

British Patent 2 178 840

Copies are submitted herewith.

These patents have been commented upon in the specification to the degree that they are believed to be relevant to patentability. However, it is specifically

requested that the Examiner independently consider each and every one of them and make them of record in the file with the PTO 1449 Form enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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